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THREE CENTS

Graduates From Smith

Miss Betty Jean Purrington, the daughter of Mrs. Hazel G. Purrington of Birnam Road, will be among the 450 candidates for the degree of Bachelor of Arts at the 69th Smith College commencement. The graduation exercises bring to a close commencement activities lasting five days and will be held on Monday, June 16, with Edward Murrow, vice-president of the Columbia Broadcasting System as speaker.

Miss Purrington attended Northfield School for Girls prior to entering Smith. A religion major, she plans to continue her studies in social work or religious education. She was chairman of the Academic Honor Board and served on the Student Council of the Student Government Association. Her activities in the Association for Christian Work included the office of chairman of Worship Committee, cabinet-member, head of the conferences held at Smith and work in James House in the town of Northampton where she taught kindergarten.

An outstanding student, she was on Dean's List this year and has been the recipient of a scholarship for four years, having had the honor of living in a self-help house throughout her stay at Smith College. She was vice-president of her house this year and has been house secretary-treasurer.

Monterey Keswick

The New England Keswick Conference announces its sessions from June 28 to September 1 and indications point to a large registration for this season. Located at Monterey not far from Great Barrington, "Keswick" now has quite a few dormitories, dining halls and assembly halls. A vacation is provided for all the members of a family with plenty of sports and recreation. For speakers an attractive list is scheduled consisting of ministers, missionaries and educators. Mrs. N. M. Trout is secretary of the Conference and can be reached for information at 164 W. 74th Street, New York City 23. A folder giving details has been issued.

Conference Speaker

The many friends of the General Conference which will be held again this summer, Aug. 2-11, on the campus of the Northfield School for Girls with sessions in both the Auditorium and Sage Chapel, are pleased especially with the announcement of the list of speakers. All are leaders in their field of religion and education and several have been previous visitors to Northfield. Among those whose voice has been heard here before is Dr. Adam W. Burnet of Edinburgh, Scotland, who participated in conferences from 1931 to 1937 and again in 1944.

Conference Speaker



DR. ADAM W. BURNET

Dr. Burnet is minister of St. Cuthberts Church in Edinburgh, a strong and active organization with a very large congregation. Dr. Burnet is a graduate of Glasgow University and attended the United Free Church College during the days of James Denney, George Adam Smith and Thomas Lindsay. He was ordained in 1911 and served several churches before going to St. Cuthberts in 1938. He has been a popular preacher in churches in New York and other large cities in America during the summers when enabled to come to America.

Other speakers of the General Conference include: Dr. Russell L. Dicks of the Highland Park Methodist Church of Dallas, Texas; Dr. Stanley High, author, lecturer and writer; Dr. Harris E. Kirk of the Franklin Street Presbyterian Church of Baltimore, Md.; Dr. Carl Heath Kopf of the Mount Vernon Church of Boston; Dr. Sidney Lovett, chaplain of Yale University; Dr. Paul D. Moody, son of Dwight L. Moody and former president of Middlebury College; Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr of Union Theological Seminary; Dr. Robert R. Wicks of Princeton University; Dr. Paul A. Wolfe of the Brick Church in New York City and Dr. John W. Woodside of the Chalmers United Church of Ottawa, Canada.

There will be one session of the 12th Lodge of Instruction of the Masonic Fraternity before the season closes, at South Deerfield with Mount Sugar Loaf Lodge on Tuesday, June 24th. The last meeting was Tuesday, May 27, with Mountain Lodge at Shelburne Falls.

The engagement has been announced of Miss Jeanne Coutu of Erving and William Black of this town. It is expected that the wedding will take place Saturday, August 2.

Mott Goes Abroad

Dr. John R. Mott, well known here as a active participant in the past activities of the Northfield Schools and the summer conferences, sailed for Europe last week on his 105th crossing of the Atlantic on the White Star liner, the Queen Elizabeth, bound for Southampton, England, with 2,263 passengers aboard.

Dr. Mott is president of the World's Alliance of Young Men's Christian Associations and plans as representative of the World's Council of Churches to visit the churches in the larger cities of Germany and to confer with representatives of the YMCA at Geneva.

Dr. Mott is 82 years of age and has a permanent residence in Florida. He maintains a keen interest in all Christian activities.

Mrs. Lelia M. Allen

After nearly five months of failing health, Mrs. Lelia M. (Hicks) Allen died in her home on Main Street Thursday morning, May 22. She was the widow of the late Frederick Z. Allen of this town and who died in 1908. She was born in Greenfield May 31, 1853, and was married in 1874. There were no children.

Mrs. Allen in recent years spent the winter in Greenfield and was at her own home during the summer season. She was much interested in all community affairs and active in earlier years. The funeral services were conducted in her home Sunday afternoon with Rev. Hazel Rogers Gredler of the Unitarian Church officiating and burial was in the family plot in the Bernardston Cemetery.

Former Resident Dies

Mrs. Jessalyn H. Miner, wife of Alton J. Miner, died suddenly at their home in Springfield Thursday evening, May 22. She was a native of Northfield and was 70 years of age. She was born July 26, 1876, the daughter of the late William H. and Nellie (Metcalf) Browning. On December 25, 1893, she was married to Alton J. Miner and they have always made their home in Northfield until a few years ago when they located in Springfield. She was educated in our local schools and was a member of the Free Methodist Church.

Survivors include one sister, Mrs. Rollin Shearer of this town; two brothers, Homer F. Browning of Northfield and James S. Browning of Millers Falls; one son, Herman A. Miner of this town; and seven daughters, Mrs. Mabel Richardson of Gill, Mrs. Jennie Warnock of Greenfield, Mrs. Clarence Forbes of Bernardston, Mrs. Winifred Fellows of Warwick, Mrs. Lewis LaChance of Greenfield, Mrs. Charles Lincoln of Lake Pleasant, and Mrs. Albert Rening of Starucca Penn. There are 26 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held here at Kidders Funeral parlor Sunday afternoon with Rev. Helen Bassett officiating.

Miss Therese Simar of New York City is at her cottage on Rustic Ridge for the summer months.

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A basket picnic will be held and a short business session will follow presided over by Irving J. Lawrence, the president. Mr. Bodley, chairman of the program committee, has arranged a most interesting visit. Plans for the Flower Show which will be held at the Chateau in August are going steadily forward.

Alumni Secretary Lester P. White of the Mount Hermon School was elected president of the Clarke University Alumni Association at the annual meeting of the Alumni Council held in Worcester on May 22.

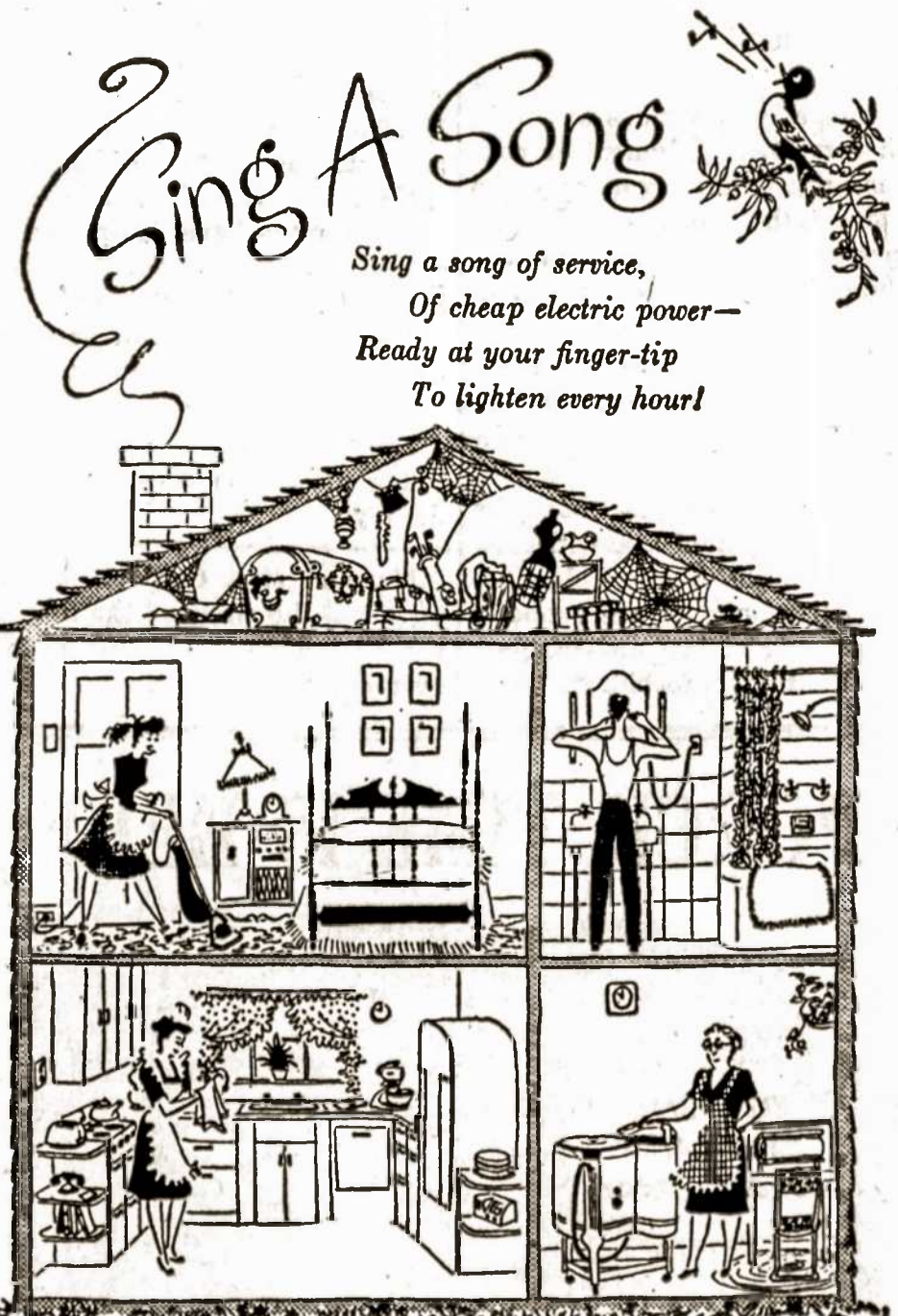
The traditional Chateau dance for Northfield and Mount Hermon Schools will be held Saturday evening at the Northfield Chateau. Don Calvi and his five-piece orchestra from Athol have been engaged to furnish the music.

Memorial Day Plans

Friday is Memorial Day and will be fittingly observed in Northfield as arranged by a committee of which Robert B. Hubbell, vice-commander of the American Legion, is chairman. All patriotic citizens are invited to co-operate in the program as arranged. The various groups participating include the American Legion, veterans of all wars and of the armed services, the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts and the school children. They will assemble at the Town Hall at 9:45 o'clock and headed by the High School Band of Greenfield will parade to the high school, to Center Cemetery and to Town Hall. The memorial tablet and honor roll will be decorated.

The program at the cemetery follows: Memorial prayer, Rev. Hazel Rogers Gredler; reading of the Gettysburg address, Edgar Parker; period of silent prayer, assembly music by the Greenfield High School Band, address by Rev. Albert B. Buchanan, decorating of graves by the school children, salute to the dead by a firing squad: "Taps."

Rev. Joseph W. Reeves will have the closing prayer at the Town Hall and there will be music by the band.



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Edgar Washburn Dies

Edgar G. Washburn of the Farms died Monday morning, May 26th, at his home after a long illness at the age of 85 years. He was born in Athol the son of Henry and Mary Ann (Oakes) Washburn January 25, 1862. He came to this town in 1929 to reside after a service of many years as an engineer for the Millers Falls Paper Co. His life here was quiet and unobserved and he was cared for by a housekeeper. The funeral services was held at Kidders Funeral parlor on Wednesday afternoon and burial was in the Farms Cemetery.

Hermion Alumni Assembly

A feature of the Mount Hermon commencement week program will be the annual Alumni Assembly on Saturday, June 7. Mr. Otto S. Nau '16 of the Greenfield Tap & Die Corporation will present membership cards to the members of the graduating class who will be introduced to him by Mr. Bennett Myers' class teacher. The speaker will be alumni secretary, Lester P. White. Mr. Nau's son, Norma F. Nau, graduated in the class of 1942.

Fitt Agency Continues

The insurance business of the late Arthur P. Fitt will be continued in the office in the Bookstore building. Mrs. Robert L. Hale, formerly of the Albert Allen Insurance agency of Greenfield, is at the office and reorganizing the entire business of which the usual lines of insurance will be continued and patrons will be given the service of the various companies represented. Appointments with Mrs. Hale may be made by telephone with the office. It comes as good news that this reliable agency will be continued.

Shoot At House

Sometime last fall or this spring culprits with a gun, anxious to use it, but with very little judgment or consideration, must have gone up the hillside on North Lane and deliberately peppered an oil barrel and the metal chimney of a summer resident.

There is no excuse for such wanton destruction and the damage is considerable. The local deputy sheriff has the matter in charge and has made an examination. Any person who knows the perpetrator or anything about the affair should communicate with Mr. Hoehn, clerk of the Rustic Ridge Association. All properties are properly posted according to law and trespass especially hunting is forbidden.

Hermion Track Meet

The interscholastic track meet will take place at the Mount Hermon School Saturday with twelve schools entering teams. Based on past performances, Loomis and Deerfield share the probability of carrying off top honors, although Cheshire, Mount Hermon, Hotchkiss and Williston are also rated as having a good chance. Other schools entering include Cushing, Vermont, Berkshire, Cheshire, Loomis, Williston, Deerfield, Mount Hermon, Kimball Union, Kingswood, Monson and Hotchkiss.

There is a possibility of some long-standing records falling, particularly in the javelin throw. Outstanding contestants are Rhul of Mount Hermon whose best throw to date is 176 feet and Reich of Loomis who has set the pace at 180 feet.

The preliminaries will start Saturday morning at 10 a. m. and finals will begin at 1 p. m.

Summer Theatre Plays

The Brattleboro Summer Theatre group has issued an announcement of its program for this summer which opens June 30 and ends August 30. There will be nine legitimate stage shows produced each week, every evening except Sunday, in the Auditorium which has been arranged and decorated for the performances. Among the stage professional actors will be Nancy Cushman, Anna Miot, Bert Whitley, Emily Lawrence and Fay Roope. Tickets are already being sold for the performances and the attractions will be given publicity very soon. Quite a number of folks in Northfield have already made reservations.

Three Service Vacancies

One vacancy from the First Congressional District for West Point and two vacancies for the Naval Academy at Annapolis will be open in 1948. The final examinations will be held by both academies next spring.

Applicants have been instructed to notify Rep. John W. Heselton, 237 House Office, Washington, D. C., and further information will be provided. Applications must be submitted before June 4.

There should be some ambitious young man from Northfield to make the try.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Buffum entertained the choir of the South Vernon Church at their home on Monday evening.

Sunday School Speakers

On Sunday, June 1, Rev. Benjamin Andrews, Jr., chaplain of Northfield School for Girls, will conduct the morning service at 11 o'clock in Russell Sage Chapel and the Very Rev. Donald J. Campbell, dean of Christ Church Cathedral, Springfield, will be the guest preacher at the 10:30 a. m. service at Memorial Chapel, Mount Hermon.

Hermion Class 1922

Mount Hermon's class of 1922 held a successful reunion last weekend with a total attendance of approximately 100 alumni and wives. Several members took part in school activities, including Rev. Edward Chipman who spoke at chapel service and Dr. Charles E. Foster of Colgate University faculty who acted as one of the judges in the Joseph Allen prize contest at the Saturday assembly. At the class business meeting on Saturday, Gus Havemeyer of Astoria, Long Island, who has served as class secretary for nineteen years resigned. His successor is Norma Sewell of Philadelphia.

Town Topics

Charles Morgan observed his 80th birthday by taking a trip to Boston. He received a card shower from friends and neighbors.

Herbert Brocklesby and daughter, Gail, of Bridgeport, Conn., were weekend guests of his sister, Mrs. Lawrence Hammond and family.

Mrs. Harrison Stacy of South Vernon entertained the Thursday Club at her home this week.

Miss Beth Hammond underwent an operation Thursday morning of last week for adenoids and tonsils in Franklin County Hospital. She is now at her home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Murray Hammond.

On Thursday, June 12, the Winchester (N. H.) Lodge of Masons will observe their 125th anniversary.

The Seniors of the Northfield High School will attend the local Congregational Church at the morning service Sunday, June 15, for their baccalaureate address.

The former State College at Amherst now known as the University of Massachusetts will hold its commencement June 6 to 9. Governor Robert F. Bradford will deliver the commencement address Monday, June 9.

Harmony Lodge of Masons held its final meeting for the season on Wednesday evening at Masonic Hall when routine business only was transacted but after which there was a showing of movies.

Miss Marion Annis of South Vernon has completed her course in nursing at the Deaconess School of Nursing in Boston and graduated at the commencement exercises last week.

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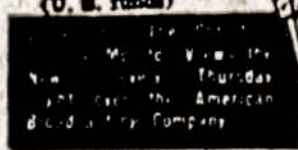
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Town Topics

By action of its Legislature the state of New Hampshire has named the white birch as its official tree. Governor Dale has signed the measure.

After spending the winter at her home in Orlando, Fla., Mrs. T. T. Brown is back at her residence here. Prof. and Mrs. Spurgeon Gage are also expected at their summer home on Winchester Road in a few days making the trip from Orlando by motor.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Duncan of Jamaica, N. Y., whose summer home is on the Ridge, will be interested to learn that they will make a visit to California and other places on the West Coast before coming to Northfield the last of July.

Miss Josephine Moody, who has a summer cottage on Rustic Ridge, has come from Sanford, Florida, and reopened her cottage here.

If you have failed thus far to make your contribution to the Northfield Salvation Army Fund, won't you please do it now and send your check to Mr. Hoehn, treasurer.

Rev. Dr. Robert Bonner Jack of this town was given a most cordial greeting as he attended the Fiftieth Reunion of his class at Princeton Theological Seminary last week. Before returning home he spent a few days with his brother in Philadelphia.

Lloyd Waring of Boston has been chosen chairman of the State Republican Committee and the chairmen of all local committees have been so notified.

Mrs. Harvey E. Greenwood of Clinton is the newly elected president of the State Federation of Women's Clubs. The annual session of the organization was held at Swampscott last week and was attended by Mrs. Cleland Cochrane of the Fortnightly as a delegate.

Mrs. Frank W. Harness, who has spent the past few months with her relatives in Colrain, has returned to her home here on the Millers Falls Road.

In the list of summer residents in our last issue inadvertently there was omitted the name of Miss Minnie Erb on Ledgewood Way.

Mrs. Elizabeth S. Taylor and her daughter of New York City will arrive here about June 11 to occupy the cottage of Miss Allen in Mountain Park.

First honors in the graduating class of the Northfield High School have been awarded to Miss Lois M. Stearns, daughter of Mrs. Galen Stearns of this town; second honors have been awarded to Alva Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Merle A. Jones of the Farms and third honors awarded to Miss Marilyn M. Dresser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Dresser.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Scott of South Main Street at the Farren Memorial Hospital on Wednesday, May 21.

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Tues. June 3

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Orson Welles

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SAILOR TAKES A WIFE
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Town Topics

Rev. and Mrs. E. W. Grilley, Jr., and family are enjoying a stay at their cottage on Rustic Ridge this week-end. After returning to their home in Fall River they plan a summer's stay here.

Mr. Morgan of Morgan's Store in East Northfield has issued a warning to customers that their orders must be received at the store before one o'clock if delivery is to be made the same day. Deliveries on Rustic Ridge are made on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

Baccalaureate Sunday for the graduating class of the Northfield School for Girls will be June 8 and the Commencement exercises will be on Monday, June 9. Northfield will be thronged with visitors during this period.

Some important dates have been announced by Rev. Joseph W. Reeves, pastor of the Congregational Church. The daily Vacation Bible School will be held July 7 to 16 and the annual Sunday School picnic will be Saturday, June 21.

An auction that promises to attract a large crowd will be held at Vernon on Wednesday, June 11, by Mr. Kuhn. There will be a large collection of antiques offered for sale. See his advertisement.

Ernest Dunklee has bought that portion of land south of the South Vernon Church parsonage and members of the Men's Fellowship of the church have been very busy preparing it for a parking place for those attending the church services and social affairs.

Lawrence N. Whitney S2c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman E. Whitney of Main Street, will conclude his preliminary training in aviation fundamentals at the Naval Air Training Center in Jacksonville, Florida, this week end. He entered the service in November 1946 after graduation from the local high school.

The town of Russell in the county of Hampden announces a tax rate of \$15.60 which if sustained will be the lowest tax rate in the state.

Another town announces its tax rate: Its Montague with \$40 per thousand, the highest since 1935.

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